

# Invaders

# of our Wildlands

Our wildlands are threatened by something even more devastating than severe wildfire: invasive weeds. These weeds are spreading at an alarming rate in the United States. Unchecked, they can replace entire native plant communities and endanger wildlife that depends on them for food and shelter. They provide little cover for the soil, resulting in increased erosion. Some invasive weeds, such as the houndstongue, are poisonous to animals.

## Silent Killers

These plants have few or no natural enemies. They silently and rapidly take over large areas of land, robbing native plants of space, water and nutrients.



## Looks Can Be Deceiving

Many invasive weeds, like the Oxeye Daisy above, look like beautiful wildflowers. **Don't be Deceived!** These and other plants may look pretty, but they can cause extensive damage to an ecosystem. Check out the photos below for locally troublesome invasive weeds.

## Hitchin' a Ride

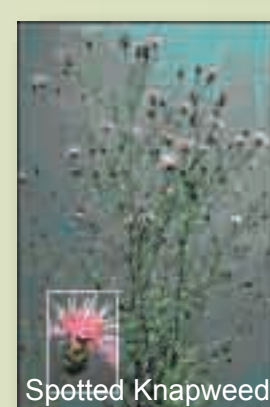
Seeds can hitch a ride in the mud on your vehicle. When the mud dries, the seeds fall off and spread the plant in other areas. **Did you know,** some plants do not need a seed to start a new plant - any part of the plant will do.



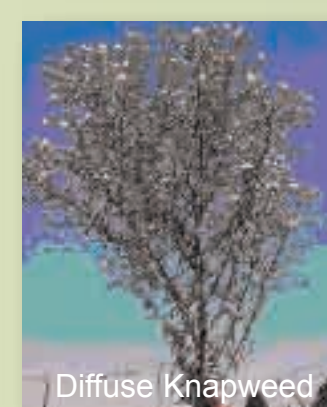
## Join the Fight

- ✓ Wash your Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) before bringing it onto the forest.
- ✓ Remove any plant material attached to your vehicle.
- ✓ Stay on trails and avoid exposing soil in new areas.
- ✓ Avoid riding through or camping amongst invasive weeds like those pictured below.
- ✓ Please contact the District Weed Coordinator at 541 427-3231 if you find any invasive weeds.

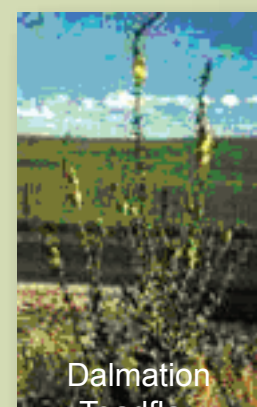
Thank You



Spotted Knapweed



Diffuse Knapweed



Dalmatian Toadflax



Scotch Thistle



Starthistle



Leary Spurge



Whitetop



Sulphur Cinquefoil



Houndstongue